

16 June 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant, OTR

SUBJECT : "Notes and Quotes" for Activities Report from DIS

1. Meeting with Commandant, Defense Intelligence School

On 4 June, accompanied by [] I met with Capt. Furnas, USN, Commandant, for the purpose of my official introductions to his staff and faculty. Capt. Furnas was very gracious and friendly in his conference with us and in particular wanted us to know how much he has appreciated the Agency's extensive support to his school. He cited his long experience in intelligence and related assignments -- over 25 years -- and spoke fondly of his close association with Admiral Taylor, among others. He expressed a deep respect for the Agency's overall professionalism and said he welcomes ideas and assistance in bringing training activities under his command to the standards of excellence that he has come to associate with our Agency. He indicated he would like to visit our facilities at some future date of mutual convenience. My recommendation is that we consider inviting Capt. Furnas and a few of his senior course directors to observe a session of the AIS and a briefing on OTR, perhaps in September or October, if feasible. I have the impression he is a genuine friend of the Agency.

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2. Full Schedule Characterizes First Week at DIS

My first full week on the job was occupied with obtaining speaker resources for six different courses, securing curriculum materials, helping host project Helpful, arranging for special commo gear for the Attache class, and meeting with several course chairmen on projected activities. Thanks to some organized planning by [] we were able to recover from not having had any overlap before plunging in last Monday. Thus far, the only tough problems appear to be those associated with support to the Information Science Center, but these should straighten out eventually.

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3. Congressman Stratton Makes Big Hit

Last week the Reserve Symposium on Strategic Intelligence -- a two week course for reservists from all over the country -- was addressed by Congressman Stratton from New York. In the view of most of the 140 officers and others of us who heard him he was outstanding both for his candor and in his grasp of the problems of U.S. security and intelligence. I had an informal chat with him afterwards -- we both vacationed at the same place in the Adirondacks -- and he is well disposed toward the Agency. I believe he'd be available for an OTR course or seminar.

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4. Project HELPFUL

Approximately 30 Agency personnel attended the presentations given by senior DIA officials during Project HELPFUL at DIS on 8 June. I helped to host our group and attended all of the sessions (see attached schedule). In my view, this running was a vast improvement over previous two-day programs in terms of topical coverage and delivery. All of the participating speakers, headed by Rear Admiral Showers, Chief of Staff, DIA, were candid and favorably disposed toward their relationships with this Agency. Attendees other than those from CIA included those from the JCS, NSA and the Armed Service's intelligence staffs. Two highlights of the program were the interesting progress report on DIA's Intelligence Estimates by [redacted] and the detailed description of DIA's new Directorate for Collection and Surveillance by Mr. [redacted] both presentations outstanding.

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